muricata Hufn., Scopula marginepunctata Goez, Chesias legatella D. & S., Ectropis crepuscularia D. & S.

A late emergence of Lacanobia contigua D. & S. on 7th

August is perhaps worth recording.

Migrants

In such a poor year generally an influx of migrants could not be expected, and, as the figures show, did not appear. Autographa gamma L. (47), Peridroma saucia Hübn. (porphyrea sensu Edelsten) (1), Agrotis ipsilon Hufn. (13), Lithosia quadra L'. (1), Rhodometra sacraria L. (1), Nomophila noctuella D. & S. (10), Plutella xylostella L. (maculipennis Curt.) (3).

Polymorphism

Biston betularia L. Idaea (Sterrha) aversata L. typical 86 (90%) remutata 56 (76%) carbonaria 4 (4%) aversata 18 (24%) insularia 6 (6%)

Allophyes oxyacanthae L., typical 3, ab. capucina Esp. 2. Tholera decimalis Poda (popularis F.), typical 24, a pale ab. 1. Alcis repandata L., typical 48, ab. consonaria Hübn. 2. Eilema deplana Esp., typical 1, vars. 3.

Notes and Observations

LYCAENA PHLAEAS L. AB. SCHMIDTII GERH. IN SURREY, 1974. — This marvellous insect was spotted whilst avidly feeding from a clump of marjoram, but immediately on the sighting it took to the wing. Knowing of the usual habit of this species of returning to its favourite perches, I patiently awaited its further appearance and surely enough was rewarded, as it repeatedly came back, looking most odd in flight with its silvery white wings. I managed to take a really fine series of colour slides of the curious insect in natural positions and including one particularly fine shot of its underside when it held its wings tightly together. An interesting point to note here is that the insect was found in an adjoining Surrey field where in 1973 I photographed L. phlaes ab. radiata. It seems that there must surely be an aberrant strain here and I look forward to 1975 and what other extreme aberration this L. phlaeas colony may throw. — K. J. WILLMOTT, 34 Daybrook Road, Merton Park, London, SW19 3DH.

ZEUZERA PYRINA L. IN YORKSHIRE. — On the evening of 21st August 1974 at about 8.30 p.m., in the company of my father and other members of my family, including my 12-year-old son who first made the observation, I saw a newly hatched Leopard Moth on the wall of The Feather Hotel at Pocklington, near York. Reference to South confirmed it as a male. — MICHAEL REEVES, 25 Ashmount Drive, Rochdale, Lancs. [This species may now be more common in Yorkshire than formerly. Porritt (List of Yorkshire Lepidoptera (1904), 21) has "This